

Warns Residents of Fake Census Scams

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (CA-47) today urged her constituents in California's 47th Congressional District to fill out their 2010 Census form. The results of the Census will help determine how more than \$445 billion in federal funds – for everything from schools to roads to senior centers – are distributed to state and local governments over the next decade. It also affects the number of seats California gets in the U.S. House of Representatives.

“In these tough economic times, Orange County can't afford to lose out on crucial federal funding,” said Rep. Sanchez. “Filling out your Census form is easy, and it helps ensure our community gets its fair share of resources for schools, hospitals, senior centers, libraries, and other important programs. Make sure you're counted!”

The Orange County community should be wary of fake Census scams that attempt to collect personal information. The Census Bureau has received complaints about deceptive mailings that include envelopes marked “Census” and include a “census tracking code.” People should review all mailings carefully to ensure that they are indeed from the Census Bureau. Official Census Bureau documents will never ask for your full social security number, money or a donation, PIN codes, passwords or similar access information for credit cards, banks or other financial accounts. Also, the Bureau never sends requests on behalf of a political party. If residents are suspicious of a mailing, they can contact Rep. Sanchez's office, the Census Bureau, or the Postmaster General's office.

The 2010 Census is one of the shortest in U.S. history, consisting of only ten questions. If you don't mail your form back by April 1st, a census taker may visit your home to ask you these questions in person.

For additional information about the Census, please call Rep. Sanchez's district office at (714) 621-0102 or visit <http://2010.census.gov> .

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